

New Jersey Rubber Shoe Company (U.S. Rubber
Company) Building No. 1
Memorial Parkway and Albany Street
New Brunswick
Middlesex County
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-719

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Memorial Parkway and Albany Street
New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Present Owner
and Occupant: Sigmund Scharff

Present Use: Miscellaneous light manufacturing including
ladies dresses and leather goods

Brief Statement
of Significance: Built in 1877, this is the oldest factory
building of an important early rubber company.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original owner: The original owner was the New Jersey Rubber Shoe Company, founded in 1839, which later became the U. S. Rubber Company.
2. Date of erection: A date stone on the front of the building is inscribed: New Jersey/Rubber Shoe Co/
Erected 1877
3. Sources of information: This building is identified as Number One on an 1886 insurance map.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement: Condition of fabric is fair.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: The building is 50 feet (6 bays) x 150 feet (20 bays), four and one half stories high with a stair tower on one corner.
2. Wall construction: Brick
3. Openings: Windows evenly spaced double hung wood windows

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six light over six light.

4. Roof: Gable roof, rolled asphalt covering.
5. Stair Tower: The tower is square, five stories high, with two windows on each of three sides on the second, third, and fourth floors. The fifth floor has twin windows on each of its four elevations where it projects above the eaves. All the windows in the tower have stone sills and brick arched lintels. Between the third and fourth floors is a corbelled brick belt course with corbelled supports at the corners and mid-points and a dentil course between the supports. The corners at the fifth floor are chamfered forming an octagonal top with uneven facets. Surrounding the top of the tower, which has a flat roof, and immediately below the coping, is a deep ornamental band of corbelled brick.

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